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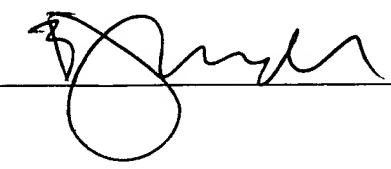
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For: COSMETIC OR DERMATOLOGICAL COMPOSITION IN
THE FORM OF A GEL, CONTAINING IN A MIXTURE AN
ASSOCIATIVE COPOLYMER, A SURFACTANT AND A
CONDITIONING AGENT

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 23, 2001, and the Advisory Action dated May 7, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested. A Notice of Appeal and Notice of Appeal fee were filed April 23, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claim 19, without prejudice.

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15. (Amended) Cosmetic or dermatological composition for topical application in the form of an aqueous gel, comprising:
(a) at least one associative non-crosslinked acrylic copolymer having a C₈-C₃₂ hydrophobic chain, and being present in a proportion of 0.8 to 20% by weight with respect to the

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